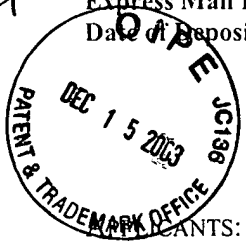


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Transmitted herewith for filing in connection with the above-referenced patent, please find the following:

1. Amendment and Response to Office Action mailed on August 13, 2003 (6 pages);
2. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
3. Check No. 17714 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1);
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This Response is due on or before Monday, December 15, 2003, because December 13, 2003, falls on a weekend. If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at telephone (617) 542-6000.

The Applicant in the above-identified application is now a small entity, and is therefore entitled to claim status as a small entity. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-534C CIP1). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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